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Coffee County recognized for setting record child support collections during FY2003

As a result of record child support collections over the past year, Coffee County has been recognized and congratulated.

Janet Hunter, state child support field supervisor for this region of Alabama, congratulated the Coffee County Child Support Program for setting record child support collections during the past year.

Statistics kept by the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources show that Coffee County increased its child support collections by nearly \$200,000 last year. During the 12 month period, the Coffee County Child Support Program collected child support in the amount of \$1,907,786.56. This represented an increase of 11.7 percent over the previous year's child support collections.

"Many people are responsible for our child support success this past year," Coffee County District Attorney Gary L. McAilley said. "For instance, the circuit and district judges, the staff in the clerk of court's office, the sheriff's deputies and work release program jailers have

worked very hard to make sure children of our county are supported to the best of their parent's abilities."

McAilley also praised Gary Jones and his staff at the Coffee County DHR for working tirelessly along with the child support unit of the district attorney's office in filing the legal documents and the follow ups necessary to help ensure the children of Coffee County are supported.

"We can not help everyone because some parents are just deadbeats," McAilley said. "However, we can help most people who have child support problems."

To adults having trouble collecting child support, the district attorney emphasized it is not necessary today for a person who

takes care of a child to have to incur large legal fees just to collect child support. He said all a person has to do is pay \$25 to the Department of Human Resources, and that

organization gathers the necessary information and forwards it to the Coffee County office of the District Attorney Child Support Enforcement Unit.

"The personnel in my office decide what action is appropriate for the collection of child support," said McAilley. "If legal

action is necessary, I assign an assistant district attorney to represent the child or children's interest in court."

He said action can even be taken to collect support from a parent who lives outside the State of Alabama.

"My office furnishes the lawyer, prepares and files the law suit and appears in court at no

charge to the person trying to collect child support," McAilley explained. "Also, since the district attorney's office is a state agency, no court costs are charged if the lawyers in my office prepare and file the action."

He said a person who fails to pay for the support of their child

can be sued civilly (seeking a court order determining how much the parent is to pay each month) or can be sued criminally.

If criminally convicted, he said a parent can be sentenced to serve up to one year in the county jail or placed in a county work

release program where they live in jail at night and work at their regular job during the day until they catch up in child support arrearages.

"Pay your child support," McAilley said to parents not paying their child support. "Your children deserve it."



FLOOD GATE INSTALLED...Road closed signs have been blocking Caroline Street in Elba for quite some time now, but progress is being made towards reopening the road. The closure was forced by the rehabilitation project of the levee in Elba, and workers recently have been busy installing a flood gate at this location. The installation of the flood gate was completed last week and everything is in working order. This type installation is not uncommon in Elba these days as several other roads are closed for various reasons due to the levee project. Reese Avenue also currently is closed for the installation of a flood gate, and the Troy Highway remains closed as crews work to increase the height of both the levee and road where the levee crosses that street.

Elba City Council passes ordinances for fire department

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council passed two ordinances Monday evening, both dealing with the fire department. The first is designed to set health standards for volunteer fire fighters. The second established a \$500 charge when the fire department responds to a call to save or protect property. Both ordinances passed on a vote of five for and one abstaining. Council member David Banstra, who serves on the fire department, abstained to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest.

City officials explained that

most fire insurance policies cover this charge already, and the city is just trying to cover rising costs of operation without increasing taxes. Mayor James Grimes said he doesn't expect to see anyone who has lost his or her home hounded for money, nor hauled into court as a result of this new ordinance. It is just an effort to recover what fire insurance companies are already charging most Alabama policyholders.

The ordinance dealing with health standards for volunteer fire fighters requires that each volunteer fireman "have a mandatory annual medical eval-

uation by a physician determined by the Mayor or his designee. Council members were told this is to help protect a volunteer (and others working with him) from getting hurt fighting a fire when the injury was caused because of an individual's personal health problems.

The ordinance requires a volunteer fireman who does have a health related problem to be assigned duties which don't include physical training exercises nor actually fighting fires.

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During Coffee County BOE meeting Chairman and vice chairman elected for FY2004

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education conducted a short annual meeting Thursday evening, Nov. 6, and began by electing a chairman and vice chairman for Fiscal Year 2004.

Charles Walker and Danny Jernigan again accepted the positions as the board quickly and clearly voted its opinion regarding the matter.

Walker was first nominated to be chairman and received the nod by a unanimous vote (board member Rubin McKinnon was not present) followed by the same reaction for Jernigan as

vice chairman.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram asked board members to declare the sewage project at Zion Chapel as a public works project and give her permission to proceed once the final plans are complete.

Ingram said the project should be less than \$50,000 thus allowing it to be declared a public works project. She said a local landowner had agreed to let the school system lease some land across the road from Zion Chapel school, and this generosity will alleviate a spacing problem keeping the overall cost of the project down.

Ingram said she is looking at leasing approximately five to six acres of land.

The board voted unanimously to declare the sewage project a public works project and allow Ingram to proceed with completing it.

The board voted to declare some old transportation equipment and technology equipment as surplus property. This will allow the school system to advertise the property for sale and accept sealed bids for purchase. Upon request and a recommendation from Ingram, the board also voted to transfer two of the old spare buses to the Department of Correction's Elba Work Release Center in return for supervised inmate work.

Since the school system recently purchased two new buses, Ingram said the two spares were no longer needed. By either selling them or transferring them to the work release, Ingram said the school system could save money by no longer having to keep them insured.

In regards to the trade, she said she believes the work provided by inmates on various jobs will be worth more to the system in dollar value than selling the buses as surplus property.

She did stress, however, that the inmate work will be provided at times when the students are not at school, and the inmates will be closely supervised.



ELBA'S MEDICAL INDUSTRY GROWS...The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home officially welcomed Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, MD, and his staff to Elba Sunday, Nov. 2, during a reception honoring the opening of his new practice. Dr. Lawrence and his staff began seeing patients at his family medicine practice Friday, Sept. 5. His office is located at 980 Drayton Street across from the hospital and nursing home. Representatives from the Elba Chamber of Commerce were among those to welcome the doctor to Elba. A ribbon cutting ceremony began the Sunday afternoon reception, and those present were (from left): Mary McMillan, Destiny Hudson and her daughter Kate, Mary Gray, Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irwin, Hannah Lawrence, Elba City Councilman David Bandstra, Amanda Lawrence, Future Little Miss Elba Annalee Padgett, Diana Lawrence, Little Miss Elba Reagan Kelley, Kenneth Calhoun, Dr. Walter J. Lawrence, Denise Sauls, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Jeana Hudson, Jan Wicker, Ellen Briley, Doris Matthews, Jessica Folmar, Miss Elba Anna Anderson, Beth Johnson, Herby McCall, Jimmy Harrison, Henrietta Grimes and Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS reach the second round Friday, Nov. 14, with the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Thibault. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. in Brantley.

A JOINT COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held Sunday evening, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church located on Highland Drive in Elba. Everyone is invited to attend.

THE TOWN OF NEW BRISTOLTON will hold its annual Christmas parade on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 5 p.m. Anyone interested in having an entry in the parade should contact the New Bristolton Town Hall at 894-5530.

THE CITY OF ELBA will hold its annual Christmas Parade on Sunday evening, Dec. 9. For more information or to submit an entry, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3123.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The Elba police received a call several days ago of a stolen car in a local shopping center. The lady had come out of the store with her purchases (shopping at home like a loyal citizen should do) and couldn't find her car. The first call was to the police and the second to her husband, who was at home (probably doing "house" jobs). From her conversation he realized there was a real problem. You see, she was looking for the red Buick, but it was at home. She had decided to drive the little foreign car "because it needs driving" and had forgotten that by the time she emerged from the store with her purchases. It is our understanding that this lapse of memory has subjected a school teacher (who shall remain unnamed) to a lot of . . . well shall we say harassment - or - embarrassment.

We hope the ordinance just passed by the city council to charge \$500 on fire calls is understood by the Elba citizens; also that the possibility of paying \$500 doesn't cause anyone to delay or not call the fire department when needed. We also hope the \$500 charge is never used as a hammer over anyone's head. If there are any weaknesses in this new ordinance it will be either the delay of citizens in calling to save \$500 from out-of-pocket or city officials down the road applying the ordinance over aggressively to someone when they are on their knees at a devastating fire. That abuse could also come to someone who just called because of fear a brush fire might be getting out of control. We have been assured by present city officials that common sense will be the guiding principal with this ordinance.

The reports during the last couple of weeks out of Montgomery are prime examples of why Alabama citizens still don't trust government. The records show that the State of Alabama bought more vehicles during the last fiscal year than in several previous years. This in spite of the much publicized action to sell off part of the fleet. Who is the blame is not the real issue. The fact that these vehicles are in inventory is the issue. Then Nancy Worley bought a top of the line vehicle, rather than a plain van. She had several excuses, but none suited the voting public. That extra \$10,000 wouldn't pay a full salary, but \$10 here and \$10 there begins to count up. Truth is that if the money hadn't been spent it would have been turned back to the state treasury. Great!! With both Alabama's General Fund and Education Fund short money, citizens would swell with pride if departments were seen actually saving and turning back budgeted money that they could manage without. Of course it is characteristic of government agencies to spend, rather than return funds. Our imagination sees boundless opportunities if that mindset were to change and department heads thought about the state as a whole - not just about building up their own little kingdom.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Nov. 3, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one public intoxication, one stolen tire, three theft of property, one harassing communications, one domestic dispute, two for unlawful entering of a motor vehicle, one incident, one minor accident, one possession of a gambling device, two for domestic violence, one criminal mischief, two for harassment, one possession of marijuana and one driving under the influence.

The following arrests were made: one for public intoxication and one for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for driving with a revoked driver's license, one for running a stop sign, two for speeding, three for no insurance, one for driving without a driver's license and one for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, NOV. 3 - River stage - 4.48 feet (6:06 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 in front of Subway (3:03 p.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on County Rd. 239 (10:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 239 (10:10 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck on County Rd. 239 (10:17 p.m.).

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ELBA RECOGNIZES RETIRED TEACHERS...Elba Mayor James Grimes signed a resolution last week regarding American Education Week, Nov. 16 - 22. During the 1990 Legislative Session, the Alabama State Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 82 establishing the Tuesday of American Education Week each year as "Retired Teachers' Day." With that, Grimes joined the resolution Wednesday, Nov. 5, proclaiming that Retired Teachers' Day will be celebrated in Elba on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The mayor signed the resolution agreeing that the state's retired educators have served long careers, laboring throughout their tenures to educate the state's school children and are deserving of the highest praise and recognition the State of Alabama can bestow for devotion to the profession. Local retired educators present for the resolution signing were: (seated from left) - Adelleen Newman, Mayor Grimes; Cupidene Crook; and Mary Young; (standing from left) - Sylvia Padgett, treasurer, Coffee County Education Retirees; Dale Mosley; Nancy Brunson; Peggy DeVane; Pat Clark; Syble Hahn; Jimmie Rhoades; Lloyd Crook and Elmer Taylor.

Representative Spicer receives appointment from governor desired, for national incentive grant to the state. The Workforce Investment Act requires that states shall establish a one-stop system that makes core services available, as well as providing access to intensive and training services at not less than one physical center in each local area of the State. Mandatory one-stop partners include: Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Employment Service, Adult education and literacy, Vocational rehabilitation, Welfare-to-Work, Older Americans Act, Postsecondary vocational education, Trade adjustment assistance, Veterans employment services, Community Services Block Grant, House & Urban Development.

The Workforce Investment System is a method of delivery of employment and training services at the state and local levels to individuals who need those services, including job seekers, dislocated workers, youth, new entrants to the workforce, and employers, under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998. To receive federal funding for these services, a State's Governor is required to establish a state workforce investment board; to designate local workforce investment areas; and to oversee the creation of local workforce investment boards and one-stop delivery systems.

The Workforce Investment Act includes four titles: Title I is Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs, Title II is Adult Education, Title III is Employment Service, and Title IV is Rehabilitation Services. The functions of Workforce Investment Act Boards are to assist the Governor with a state plan, statewide activities, provide comments on vocational education activities, designate local workforce areas, develop optional allocation formulas for youth and adult funds, prepare annual reports, develop a state employment statistics system, and develop application, if desired, for national incentive grant to the state.

"I am very honored to receive this appointment from Governor Riley," said Rep. Spicer. "The Workforce Investment Act is extremely important to adults as

well as youth. For adults, it provides retraining opportunities for displaced workers. For youth, it provides opportunities to develop skills that are expected within business and industry."

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Gov. Riley awards grant for energy bill assistance

A \$437,042 grant has been awarded by Gov. Bob Riley to assist low-income families in five southeast Alabama counties with their home energy bills. The grant to the Human Resource Development Corporation will be used to help low-income families and individuals served in Barbour, Coffee, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties meet the high cost of warming their homes this winter.

The grant is being made available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and funds are distributed to families who qualify for assistance through local community service organizations.

Eligible persons interested in applying for this assistance should contact the Human Resource Development Corporation in Enterprise at 334-437-0881.

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How grateful we are to live in a community where we are ready and willing, never too busy, and always eager to help others in need.

A special thank-you to the Ilene Grant family, who gave their love and support during the Nov. 1st benefit. Thank you to the entire community for the prayers, help, and the love you gave to our family during such trying times. We thank you for your strength and courage as we trust Hunter's life to the hands of God.

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EARL McCOLLOUGH GORDON
Mr. Earl Gordon McCollough, age 62, a life long resident of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 5, 2003 at Elba General Hospital in Elba.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dric Willford officiating. Burial followed in the Brantley City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret R. Sims, Brantley; one son: Ricky Sims, Brantley; two daughters: Marena Trotter, Mobile, Susan Brown, Raleigh, N.C.; one brother: Paul Sims, Luverne, Ala.; four sisters: Syble Watson, Birmingham, Ala.; Alice Norris, Opp, Ala.; Eva Basile and Minerva Rerech, both of New Jersey; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Bethany Center, P.O. Box 71, Brantley, AL 36609.

ARKES O.B. DANIELS
Mr. Arkes O.B. Daniels, age 73, died Nov. 1, 2003.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2003 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ with Pastor W.K. Ellison officiating. Burial followed at Rocky Head Baptist Church Cemetery in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Daniels was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters: Ben Daniels, Booker Daniels, Eldazine Burks, Clinton Daniels Sr., Jim Tom Daniels, Eugene Daniels, Robert Anderson and Cleo Anderson.

Survivors include his wife: Pamela Kay McCollough, Elba; one daughter: Raean McCollough, Elba; three sons: Ryan McCollough and Rhett McCollough, both of Elba; Ryder McCollough, Jackson, Miss.; two sisters: Edna Sue Stinson and Pat Powell; one brother: Mickey McCollough, all of Elba; and six grandchildren.

ETHELENE BOWDEN
Mrs. Ethelene Bowden, age 96, of Elba, Ala., died Nov. 4, 2003 at Andalusia Manor in Andalusia, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 6, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ray Foreman officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two sons: Roy Foreman, Andalusia, Ala.; Ray Foreman, Leeds, Ala.; two brothers: Tup Smart and Jesse Smart, both of Elba; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LESTER O. SIMS
Mr. Lester O. Sims, age 80, of Brantley, Ala., died Nov. 4,

Obituaries

2003 at Elba General Hospital. Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dric Willford officiating. Burial followed in the Brantley City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret R. Sims, Brantley; one son: Ricky Sims, Brantley; two daughters: Marena Trotter, Mobile, Susan Brown, Raleigh, N.C.; one brother: Paul Sims, Luverne, Ala.; four sisters: Syble Watson, Birmingham, Ala.; Alice Norris, Opp, Ala.; Eva Basile and Minerva Rerech, both of New Jersey; and five grandchildren.

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ARTIS HOWARD REED
Mr. Artis Howard Reed, age 71, died on Nov. 4, 2003.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9, 2003 at Piney Grove Baptist Church in Opp with Pastor Johnny Lawrence officiating. Burial followed at Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Opp with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Hattie Mae Reed; seven children: Artis Reed (Bo Peep), Jessie, Hightower, Darlene (Ronnie) Rogers, Otis Reed, Melvin Lawrence and Carlos Lawrence, all of Opp, Ala.; and Rose Townsend, Andalusia, Ala.; three sisters: Lillie Mae (Lamar) McGowan and Susie Reed, both of Elba, Ala.; Mary Lewis Reed, Saginaw, Mich.; and a host of grandchildren.

CHARLIE JAMES DYSON
Mr. Charlie James "C.J." Dyson, age 67, died Nov. 2, 2003.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2003 at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ with Pastor W.K. Ellison officiating. Burial followed at Rocky Head Baptist Church Cemetery in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Hattie Mae Reed; seven children: Artis Reed (Bo Peep), Jessie, Hightower, Darlene (Ronnie) Rogers, Otis Reed, Melvin Lawrence and Carlos Lawrence, all of Opp, Ala.; and Rose Townsend, Andalusia, Ala.; three sisters: Lillie Mae (Lamar) McGowan and Susie Reed, both of Elba, Ala.; Mary Lewis Reed, Saginaw, Mich.; and a host of grandchildren.

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Nov. 8, 2003 at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala., with Rev. C.A. Hammond officiating. Burial followed at Little Elam Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Dyson was preceded in death by his parents, Jimmie and Rosie Lee Williams Dyson and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Ann Dyson; four children: Charles J. (Emma Dyson), Albany, Ga.; Debra Scott, Leary, Ga.; Patricia D. Jones and Bridgett Dyson, both of Kankakee, Ill.; two step-children: Felecia (Thomas) Barlow, Ft. Knox, Ky.; John (Diane) Jones, Mobile, Ala.; two brothers: Ben (Betty) Dyson, Albany, Ga.; Alvin (Kerri Jo) Dyson, San Diego, Calif.; five sisters: Elnora (Willie) Hall, Doretha (Jesse) Taylor, Rosa (Rudolph) Clark, Jeanette (Henry) LaVant,

all of Albany, Ga.; and Mary (Bobby) Angry, Sr., of Homestead, Fla.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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CHURCH NEWS

Vanderbilt Holiness Church to have BBQ November 15th

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a BBQ this Saturday, November 15, at the Victoria Community Center located on Highway 125 North of Elba. Serving will begin at 10:30 a.m. Plates and Boston butts will be available. (Boston butts need to be pre-ordered.) To place orders or for more information call (334) 897-3778.

A "Ten Commandments" Rally to be held at The Farm Center

A "Ten Commandments" rally is scheduled at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton on Saturday, November 29th.

Faith Chapel Church to have BBQ fundraiser

Faith Chapel Church, Highway 189, 3 miles North of Perry Store will sell BBQ plates and Boston Butts on November 22, 2003. Call Bonnie at 897-0979.

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service planned for November 20

A Community-wide Thanksgiving service will be held Sunday evening, November 23, 6:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church located on Highland Drive. Everyone is invited to attend.

Annual Special Persons Bazaar Thursday, November 20th

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Scripture: John 4:1-26

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***Indian Hills Church of God, Prattville, Ala. will hold a gospel singing on Saturday, November 15, 2003, 6:00 p.m. Featured groups will be the

Hoskins Family, Griffith Family, Chad Maharry and the New Beginning. For more information call 334-207-0255.

Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba will celebrate Rev. A.R. Williams 21st Pastor's Anniversary on November 23, 2003.

***A Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in the Tarentum Community.

Today is a good day; be grateful!

Huntingdon invites community to special Christmas service

Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL, invites the community to a new Christmas tradition, A Service of Lessons and Carols, Thursday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Ligon Chapel, Flowers Hall, on the college campus. Featuring choral music from the middle ages to the present day interspersed with scripture readings that tell the story of the prophecy and birth of Christ, the service is modeled on the traditional

observance that has been held for more than a century at King's College in Cambridge, England. Music includes compositions by Handel, Palestrina, Gibbons, and Rutter, as well as arrangements of familiar carols. Students, faculty, and staff members of the college, administrators and persons from the community will read the nine scripture readings. A reception hosted by Huntingdon President J. Cameron West and Mrs. West will follow the service in Flowers Hall. Prior to the service, there will be a ceremonial tree lighting in front of Flowers Hall at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments at 6:45 p.m. The service is offered without charge as the college's gift to the community this Christmas season.

For more information, call (334) 833-4515.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. W.K. Ellison • Harris Temple COGIC

Overcoming Un-forgiveness

Matt. 6:9-15

Key Verse, Matt. 6:15, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Trespass—fall, fault, offense, sin, "a stepping aside from the correct path." No matter how different the rest of our challenges may be, every believer can count on a multi-talented God to forgive. Remember, God's primary agenda in the life of a believer is to conform the child into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. No other word sums up His character in relationship to us better than "forgiveness." We never look more like Christ than when we forgive, since that's God's gift to us. We have plenty of opportunities! I believe we can safely say that we, as ambassadors of Christ in this generation, have literally been called to a ministry of forgiveness.

Perhaps nothing is harder than forgiveness. Let's face it. Each of us have been confronted by someone who has challenged to forgive. Some seem unforgivable. For instance, sometimes the person who hurt us isn't sorry or won't take responsibility, or is in the grave. Or the person might be sorry but refuses to recompense. Perhaps the person simply doesn't deserve our forgiveness. And yet, all forgiveness, without making everything OK, and we want the record to show we're not OK. We must understand that God's forgiveness makes us free. *Forgiveness is for our own sakes, not the sake of the one who hurt us.* God is faithful. He will plead our case and take up the cross of those who had hurt or offended him. (Ps. 59, 17:10-11, 31:11-12)

Does it sound like vented anger, whining, complaining, and tattling to you? It is! And we, too, are invited to bring our complaints to God when we are overwhelmed. The concept of pouring out the bitter waters of our lives and every fruit on each limb ultimately become poisoned. The bottom line is, unguarded makes us vulnerable. Always spiritually, often emotionally, and surprisingly often physically. What is forgiveness? The Greek word makes us free. It is to "send forth or away, let go from oneself, to let go from one's power, possession. To let go from one's attendance, occupancy." Forgiveness is our determined and deliberate willingness to let something go. To release it from our possession.

To be willing and ready for it to not longer occupy us. God is not asking us to let it go haphazardly in to the black hole of non-existence. Forgiveness means letting it go to God. Letting it go from our power to His. Forgiveness is the ongoing act by which we agree with God over the matter, practice the mercy He's extended to us, and surrender the situation, the repercussions, and the hurtful person to Him.

The Word of God clearly teaches that Satan takes tremendous advantage of any unforgiveness in our lives (2 Cor. 2:11). Unforgiveness qualifies as one of the most powerfully effective forms of bondage in any believer's life. We cannot tolerate Him all the things you feel and the liberty you will feel when you finally let go is inexpressible. Forgiveness is the ultimate "weight loss."

Praying About The Person You Need To Forgive

Praying about the person who has hurt us is necessary before we find any real measure of freedom to sincerely pay for the person. What do I mean by praying about them? I mean learning to tell on them to God. Yes, I'm talking about tattling. Learning to tell God what they've done to you and how upset you are. Learning to tell Him all the things you feel and how unfair you believe someone has been to you.

David, a man after God's own heart, serves as an example of this. In Psalm 142, "I poured out my complaint before him; I sheathed before him my trouble." David in one Psalm after another is the very one who spoke of those who had hurt or offended him. (Ps. 59, 17:10-11, 31:11-12)

Two important things happen when we learn to pray honestly about the person who has hurt us:

1. We pour the hurt out rather than allowing it to fester in our hearts out to God. It's poured out in our hearts out to God dramatically decreases our tendency to grow bitter.

2. We articulate our own feelings, thereby placing them in view before our own eyes as well as God's. This way, we also get a chance to see if something seems ridiculous, out of proportion, or right on target. When you pour out your heart to God over an injury, you almost always feel better. Just getting it off your chest feels immensely. As we pour out, a wonderful thing happens: we make room for God to pour in. *Our omniscient God knows that a heart healed when a heart changes.*

Until we make room for fresh contents that change our hearts, we will never be healed from the injury and subsequent feelings of unforgiveness.

After we have practiced pouring our hearts out to God through praying about the person, it's time to additionally begin praying for the person. I already know what you may be thinking because I used to feel the same way. "Why should I pray for a person who has hurt me so badly?" Matt. 5:34-35 states, *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you: That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven, for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Peter 3:9, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called. That's right! We were called to this."

The invitation to bless when the rest of the world would curse is one of the very characteristics that sets us apart and causes people to take note of our faith.

What have we gained if we do it our way? An ulcer? A bad heart? Unending depression? Such bitterness that no one wants to be around us? God desires our whole heart, He's doing. He created the rules of the heart. When we choose to go against everything our own humanity would tell us and, instead, approach our struggle God's way, we are shocked once again to see that He was right.

NEW ARRIVAL

TONY MICHAEL BOUTWELL

Wendi and Frank J. Boutwell of Elba announce the birth of their son, Tony Michael Boutwell.

He was born Oct. 28, 2003, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. He weighed 9 pounds 9.4 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James Hirschy of California, and Marie McGowan of Ozark. Paternal grandparents are Franklin and Mavis Boutwell of Elba.

Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center to have bake sale

The Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center will have a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at the center.

Miss Fall of Jack 2003 Womanless Beauty Pageant to be held

Miss Fall of Jack 2003, Womanless Beauty Pageant, will be held November 15th, 6:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel High School Auditorium. Admission will be \$3.00 plus one can of food. See your favorite coach, teacher, pastor, or friend participate. Must be 19 years of age to enter. To register call Lynn Sorrells at 897-3695 or Mallory Besdore at 897-3546.

New dean brings many years experience to the position at EOCC

Dr. Judith Miller was appointed to the office of Dean of Instruction June 16, 2003. As the new Dean, she began the fall semester as Enterprise-Ozark Community College's "open door" under its new designation.

"I plan to work closely with our outstanding faculty and staff to promote the College's academic and career programs," says Dr. Miller. "In addition, training for business and industry is a priority because that training allows people in our service area to improve their skills and to find jobs."

"Other exciting educational opportunities include the dual enrollment program in cooperation with our area high schools. High school students who meet certain requirements are able to take college courses for both college and high school credit. We are also growing in the number of online courses that we offer. This educational delivery method provides a convenient means for students to take courses at flexible times."

"Of course, we retain the focus on our academic transfer programs that prepare our students to be successful at four-year institutions. Our site at Ft. Rucker also provides a convenient location for service members and their families to receive an education."

Dr. Miller is no stranger on the Enterprise Campus having served as Director of Institutional Research and Planning since 1987. Besides her duties as the chief academic officer for the institution, she also serves as Primary Investigator and Director for the four-year National Science Foundation grant of over \$550,000, she is the Liaison between the College and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and she is co-chairing the SACS reaffirmation process.

Dr. Miller played a vital role

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Thomas "Mark" Coleman and Ms. Allyson Marbut (an advisor for Phi Theta Kappa).

Coleman inducted into Omega Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wallace Community College

Thomas "Mark" Coleman was inducted into the Omega Beta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Wallace Community College Dothan on October 2, 2003.

Coleman, from Elba, AL, majoring in Nursing, is married to Martha H. Coleman of Elba, and is the son of Everett and Agnes Coleman of Elba.

Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and advancement through honors, leadership and service programming. Students must rank in the top 20% of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enrollment in the two-year college. Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1100 chapters located in 50 United States, United States territories, Canada, Germany and Japan. In 1929, the American Association of Community Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges. The Society holds membership in the prestigious Association of College Honor Societies as the general scholarship honor society representing two-year colleges.

At the end of the meeting, Coleman and Marbut were presented with a certificate of induction. Coleman will be a member of the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at Wallace Community College Dothan.

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News Among Our Service Folks

MICHAEL A. BIGELOW

Navy Lt. Michael A. Bigelow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Bigelow of Jack, Ala., recently returned from an eight-month deployment embarked on board the USS Iwo Jima, while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), based in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Bigelow was one of more than 4,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines who were deployed aboard the ships of the USS Iwo Jima Amphibious Ready Group.

The deployment included training and real-world operations in Iraq and Liberia. Bigelow's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with

the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment. MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, air assault squadron, support group and command element.

With this combination, Bigelow's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Bigelow is a 1977 graduate of Penncrest Senior High School of Media, Pa. and joined the Navy in June 1999. He is a 1987 graduate of Manhattan Christian College, Manhattan, Kan. with a BA degree.

Coffee County Auburn Club annual Beat Bama Bash planned for November 17

Coffee County Auburn Club Annual Beat Bama Bash will be held November 17, 2003 at the Enterprise Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Street. Registration and social time will be from 5:45 to 6:30. Dinner/Meeting/Pictures will be from 6:30 to 7:45. During the registration/social time there will be face painting and entertainment. After dinner, Beau Benton, with the Auburn network, will be talking about his time working with Auburn Network football game broadcasts. Aubie and some Auburn players will be arriving around 7:15. Please bring cameras for pictures with

Aubie and the cheerleaders at the end of the meeting.

Dinner will include hamburgers/hotdogs, baked beans, cole slaw, chips and drinks. For reservations call Bubba Bryars 347-4037 during the day or 393-3314 at night. Jim Sparrow 393-3366 during the day or 347-7368 at night. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls went to the Peanut Festival over the weekend and both came home with prizes they won while playing games on the midway. They both said they won the prizes on their very first try and didn't waste any money trying to win any of those huge bears that hang in the tents, and if that is true, they did better than Dad, who years ago almost threw out his arm in an unsuccessful attempt to win one. Oh well, at least they were proud of their fuzzy hat and soft velvet pillow.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba 7th grade basketball team opened its season last week and did something many football teams would have loved to do - allow only six points in two games! The Tigers opened the season with a 47-5 win over New Brockton, and followed it with a 38-1 romp past Zion Chapel. The Tiger defense will no doubt give up many more points as the seasons rolls along, but the opening week was one that they can be proud of.

*** Elba Tiger head coach Karl Bledsoe had almost 40 players turn out last week for the opening week of varsity and junior varsity basketball practice, and after two days of work only three players had decided to hang up their sneakers. The Tigers should have another solid team this season and appear to have a good balance with a couple of big guys that can dominate inside and a number of very quick players that can lead the way as they run up and down the court. Unless I miss my guess Elba fans have an exciting season ahead.

*** The state high school football playoffs kicked off last week and from the looks of some of the scores the men running the scoreboard may have been just as busy as the teams. A total of 18 teams scored in the 40's in opening round action, while seven teams scored in the 50's and five more scored in the 60's. Out of the 192 teams that took the field last week for playoff action, only 11 failed to score. No doubt the bands had plenty of chances to play their fight songs.

*** It wasn't the best of weeks for area teams as Florala, Arton, Georgiana, G.W. Long, Straughn, Ashford, Rehobeth, Carroll and Enterprise all were eliminated in the opening round. Straughn battled top-ranked Tarrant to the final horn and almost pulled out the win, only to see a pass intercepted in the endzone on the game's final play. Carroll also came close, but the 5A Eagles from Ozark failed on a two-point conversion with 43-seconds left in the game and lost 15-14 to Oxford. The Carroll coach rolled the dice and went for the win instead of kicking the extra-point to send the game into overtime, and it came up craps.

*** Pike County's Chris Nickson passed for 255 yards and five touchdowns and ran for 188 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Bulldogs to a 63-0 win over Oak Grove. The Bulldogs owned a 35-0 lead at the half and never slowed down in rolling up the lopsided win. I know I am not a college coach, but I still can't believe that some coaches still believe Nickson can't play quarterback at the next level.

*** Enterprise closed its season with a 6-5 record after a 27-7 setback to Baldwin County. The Wildcats fell behind early and trailed 27-0 until late in the fourth quarter when they scored to avoid the shut-out. This year's Enterprise team was young, but as long as the 'Cats must compete in the region they are in I just don't see any banner years ahead.

*** Are Alabama and Auburn the only colleges in the state that don't have good field-goal kickers? The Crimson Tide has lost two games because of their inability to kick a field-goal, while Saturday night the Tigers saw their SEC title hopes vanish with a missed field-goal late in the game. I know that in this age of limited scholarships teams hate to waste one on a kicker, but this year both teams would have been much better off to go out and get one from anywhere across the nation.

*** Back when Troy State was 4-4 the talk was that the Trojans would run the board and post a big 8-4 record. Since then the Trojans have dropped two straight to teams that will be in their conference next season, and all of the sudden the Trojans are hoping that they can win the last two and avoid a losing season. The losses to the major college powers take their toll on the Troy State players both mentally and physically, and as the season rolls on those nagging pains get worse and can lead to less than outstanding play. Troy State is still a pretty good team, but the Trojans simply are not a major college football team.

*** The college football experts had to be scratching their heads last weekend after top ten teams Florida State, Miami and Virginia Tech all lost. This time of the year those so-called experts are busy trying to line up the bowl games, but the only thing that is certain

this season has been that nothing is certain. There can be no doubt that the remaining weeks of the season will have even more upsets, and that the bowl picture won't clear up until after the conference championships.

*** Many of us lost a good friend and Elba High School lost one of its biggest supporters last week when Earl McCollough passed away after a long illness. Earl almost single-handedly kept the Elba Athletic Club alive a few years back when the Tigers were struggling to find a win in football, and was always ready to talk about the Tigers in any sport when he would call. He had a big family and was a devoted supporter of his children throughout the years no matter where they played or what sport they played. His long battle against numerous health problems took its toll and limited his activities. However, Earl could always be found in his van cheering on the Tigers and fusing at the refs with his oxygen bottle by his side. I know a lot of people don't like to name things after people, but if the coaches at Elba High ever give out an award for courage, it should be named the "Earl McCollough Award."

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by early over the week-end and said that if the rest of the playoffs were like the opening week the high school football fans across the state would be in for a real treat. The local guesstert hit on 33 of 37 picks last week to move his season totals to 301-40, and even came through on such picks as Baldwin County over Enterprise, St. James over Ashford and Houston Academy over Billingsley. Here are his picks for week #2...

BRANTLEY VS. THORSBY

The Bulldogs from up across the river didn't seem too excited about last week's opening round match-up with A.L. Johnson, but

Elba Junior High teams undefeated after opening week of basketball action

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers hit the court last week to open the basketball season and after two nights of action all three teams owned perfect records.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ELBA JUNIOR AT NEW BROCKTON

7th Grade Boys

The Elba 7th grade Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to post a lopsided 47-5 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers owned an 8-0 lead after the opening stanza, stretched their lead to 21-1 at the half and owned a big 35-2 lead after three quarters before turning it over to the reserves to mop up the lopsided win. Gavin Respress scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Johnny Stoudemire added 12 and Dekembe Bullard scored 9.

Elba (47): Respress 14, Phillips 4, Mitchell 2, Hall 4, Bullard 9, Belcher 2, Stoudemire 12.

N.B. (5): Flowers 5.

8th Grade Girls

The Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers took charge early and coasted in with a 17-2 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 10-0 halftime lead and rolled to the easy win. Krystan Parker scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Brandy Caldwell added 5.

Elba (17): Parker 9, Caldwell 5, Carpenter 3.

N.B. (2): Larges 2.

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 13

Elba at Opp

4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

November 17

Zion Chapel at Elba

4:30 (7B-8G-8B)

November 18

Andalusia at Elba

5:00 (7B-8G-8B)

November 20

Arton at Elba

5:00 (7B-8G-8B)

this week a hungry bunch of Rebels from up the road will come to town and the 'Dogs bite will have to be as bad as its bark. While there is no doubt the Rebels have an ambush planned somewhere behind the elementary school, the guess here is the the Bulldogs will come to play and will chase the Rebels back out of town, and out of the playoffs.

BRANTLEY 27 THORSBY 12

OTHER PICKS:

Autaugaville 36 Cottonwood 16
Reeltown 41 Sweet Water 8
American Christian 34 Isabella 6
Oakman 22 Red Level 20
Southern Choctaw 16 Houston Academy 10
Slocumb 16 Gordo 14
Washington County 27 Luverne 10
Pike County 35 Lincoln 14
T.R. Miller 42 Springville 15
Demopolis 14 Opp 7
UMS-Wright 38 Southside 16
Thomasville 31 Trinity 28
Homewood 24 Charles Henderson 14
Briarwood 17 Eufaula 15
B.C. Rain 29 Stanhope Elmore 8
Prattville 28 Baldwin County 7
Daphne 35 Jeff Davis 27
Opelika 28 Carver 3



Elba Lady Tiger coach Leroy Carnley talks with his players during a time-out. The Lady Tigers closed their opening week of action with a 2-0 record after wins over New Brockton and Zion Chapel.



Players fight for a rebound in last week's Elba win over Zion Chapel. All three Elba Junior High teams were undefeated after the opening week of the basketball season.

Kinston Junior Bulldogs off to fast 4-0 start in basketball

The Kinston Junior High Bulldogs have opened the basketball season with a bang and own a 4-0 record after two weeks of action.

The Bulldogs opened the season with a big 39-18 win over Zion Chapel. Kinston owned a slim 17-14 lead at the half, but pulled away to post the win. Clay Craig scored 22 points to lead Kinston, while Aaron Jacobs added 9. Jonas Simmons led Zion Chapel with 9 points.

Kinston rolled to its second win of the season by outscoring the Fleeta Falcons 35-29. Clay Craig scored 17 points to lead

the Bulldogs, while Aaron Jacobs added 8 and John Moss scored 6. Dixon scored 13 points to lead Fleeta.

Kinston hit the road to Zion for its next contest and rolled to a big 52-23 win over the Rebels. Clay Craig scored 22 points and Aaron Jacobs added 17 to lead the Bulldogs, while Chase Perkins led Zion Chapel with 7 points.

The Bulldogs improved their record to 4-0 with a 50-30 win over the Samson Tigers. Clay Craig scored 30 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Aaron Jacobs added 10.

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BRANTLEY BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS...had plenty to cheer about last week as the Bulldogs blanked A.L. Johnson 21-0 in the opening round of the state football playoffs.

In opening round of playoffs

Brantley blanks A.L. Johnson 21-0

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened the state football playoffs Friday night at home, against the A.L. Johnson Eagles.



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) looks for room to run after breaking a tackle. Skanes gained 188 yards and scored 2 touchdowns in the Bulldogs' 21-0 playoff win last week over the A.L. Johnson Eagles. Also pictured is Brantley lineman Steve Odom (58).

Twenty teams still undefeated

State grid playoffs enter second round Friday night

Twenty undefeated teams and five defending state champions will move into second round action this week in the Alabama Washington County (10-1) at High School Athletic Association's "State High School" football playoffs.

The defending state champions include (2A) Southern Choctaw, (3A) T.R. Miller, (4A) UMS-Wright, (5A) Homewood and (6A) Hoover.

Following is a list of second round games involving teams from South Alabama:

CLASS 1A
Cottonwood (8-3) at Autaugaville (11-0)
Sweet Water (7-4) at Reeltown (7-4)
Association's "State High School" football playoffs.

Southern Choctaw (8-2) at Houston Academy (9-2)
Gordo (9-2) at Slocumb (9-1)
Washington County (10-1) at Luverne (8-3)
CLASS 3A
Lafayette (10-1) at Tarrant (11-0)
Lincoln (9-2) at Pike County (10-1)
Southside (9-2) at UMS-Wright (9-2)
Opp (9-2) at Demopolis (11-0)
Greenview (11-0)
Monroe County (8-3) at St. James (8-3)
Thomasville (10-1) at Trinity (11-0)
CLASS 5A
Charles Henderson (10-1) at Homewood (10-1)
Oxford (8-3) at Fairhope (9-2)
Briarwood (9-2) at Eufaula (11-0)

0)
B.C. Rain (10-1) at Stanhope Elmore
CLASS 6A
Baldwin County (8-3) at Prattville (11-0)
Davidson (10-1) at Vigor (8-3)
Jeff Davis (8-2) at Daphne (11-0)
Opelika (11-0) at Carver (8-3)

Following are results of opening round games involving area teams:

CLASS 1A
Brantley 21 A.L. Johnson 0
Cottonwood 43 Linden 20
Reeltown 27 Millry 0
Sweet Water 41 Arton 20
American Christian 48 Florala 6
CLASS 2A
Luverne 21 G.W. Long 0
Washburn County 54 Cordova 12
Slocumb 41 Calera 13
Houston Academy 21

STATISTICS			
B	1st Downs	2nd Downs	3rd Downs
8	8	8	8
27-266	Rushes-Yds.	32-93	12
12	Passing Yds.	53	278
278	Total Offense	146	2-9-0
2-9-0	Passes	12-21-0	50
50	Return Yds.	32	1
1	Fumbles Lost	2	6-58
6-58	Penalties-Yds.	5-45	5-41
5-41	Punts-Ave.	6-35	



Brantley's Jamyal Jones (10) heads upfield for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 21-0 win over A.L. Johnson. Jones scored a touchdown to help the Bulldogs advance into this week's second round clash with Thorsby.



Brantley's Marcel Stamps (6) drags down an Eagle runner after a short gain. The Bulldogs' defense recorded its fifth shut-out of the season last week with a 21-0 win over A.L. Johnson.



Brantley's Channing Spivey (15) looks to pass after rolling outside the Eagle defense. Brantley will host Thorsby Friday night in the second round of the state playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7 PM.

Bulldogs to host Thorsby Rebels Friday night in second round

The Brantley Bulldogs will get to stay at home this week in the second round of the Class 1A football playoffs when they host the Thorsby Rebels.

The second-ranked Bulldogs will bring an 11-0 record into the playoff battle, while the Rebels, the #2 seed in Region 4, will come into the contest with a 7-4 record.

Brantley recorded its fifth shut-out of the season last week with a 21-0 opening round win over A.L. Johnson, but the Bulldogs were sluggish on offense and were obviously flat after posting an exciting season-ending win over cross-county rival Luverne. Devaris Skanes gained 188 yards and scored two touchdowns in the playoff win, and combined with Jamyal Jones to account for all but 24 yards of the Bulldogs' offensive output.

Thorsby will come into Friday night's game winning five of its last six games, and will be coming off a big 41-8 romp past Coffeetown in the opening round of the playoffs. The Rebels claimed regular season wins over Verbena 35-0, Maplesville 27-6, Isabella 41-0, St. Jude 43-38, Fayetteville 45-28 and Appalachian 7-6, while losing to undefeated Ragland 27-8, undefeated Autaugaville 41-0, 2001 state champion Reeltown 45-14 and 2A power Calera 21-6.

While the highly-ranked Bulldogs will enter the game as a heavy favorite, the Rebels will be coming to town looking to advance, and after playing one of the state's toughest 1A schedules, will be confident that a road win will be a possibility.

Kickoff for all playoff games is set for 7:00 PM.



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4. Forms for submitting bids and information concerning the structures or improvements may be obtained by contacting Mr. Clarence Roberts or Mr. Richard Brazill, Volkert and Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 20, Elba, Alabama, 36323. Telephone: 334-897-6028.

5. The purchaser must remove each structure or improvement from the right-of-way within forty-five (45) calendar days after the date the bid has been accepted. The removal of the structures shall be completed within the time allowed by law or the time specified in the notice of acceptance of the bid.

6. The cost of all follow-up physician examinations until cleared for duty as a firefighter shall be the responsibility of the bidder.

SECTION III - FUNDING The City shall provide funding for the required annual examination, however the City shall not be responsible for the payment of any medical treatment associated in any manner with any condition discovered or diagnosed by the physician conducting the examination.

SECTION IV - CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION The member or applicant shall not disclose confidential information to have the results of the medical examination disclosed to the Department Chief or other personnel. Any medical records or information received by the City shall be considered confidential and medical records or information should only be disclosed in order to conduct the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION V All members of the Department shall submit to drug and alcohol testing pursuant to the Drug and Alcohol Policy applicable to employees of the City of Elba. Any member injured or involved in any accident involving injury or property damage shall submit to drug testing upon request. Any refusal to submit to drug testing shall result in immediate dismissal as a member.

SECTION VI The Department Chief is authorized to suspend or remove any member who fails to comply with the provisions to implement the purpose of this ordinance.

SECTION VII This ordinance shall be effective December 1, 2003.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2003.

By a vote of 5 in favor, and 1 abstention.

JAMES GRIMES - Mayor

ATTEST: Wayne Grantham - City Clerk 11-13-03

ORDINANCE NO: 111003A

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FEE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CALL

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Elba as follows:

SECTION I That the City will assess the property owner a reasonable fee to exceed \$500.00 each time the Elba Volunteer Fire Department responds to a call to service or protect property.

SECTION II That the effective date of this Ordinance shall be December 1, 2003.

ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2003.

By a vote of 5 in favor, and 1 abstention.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 1st Quarter

A HONOR ROLL	
SEVENTH GRADE: Meaghan Hawthorne and Wesley Hunko.	TENTH GRADE: Ashley Carter and Joshua Driver.
EIGHTH GRADE: Aaron Jacobs, Jessica Johnson, Heather Marlowe, John Moss, Courtney Pierce, Caitlin Tindell, Beth Vaughan, Christie Whigham and Monica Wilford.	ELEVENTH GRADE: Breann Hattaway and Brittany Holley.
NINTH GRADE: None	TWELFTH GRADE: Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farris, Jonathan Hataway, Sarah Hataway, Megan Piland and Ashley Rushing.
	A-B HONOR ROLL
	SEVENTH GRADE: Salje
	ELEVENTH GRADE: A.J. Davis, Andrea Holloway, Brittany Hunko, Jessie Jacobs, Candace Patterson, Haley Spears and Graham Weeks.
	ELEVENTH GRADE: Britni Cosby and Tiffany Wilson.
	TWELFTH GRADE: Jordan Fleming, Whitney Herring, Kacie Kelley, Ross Kelley, Meagan King, Bridgett Marlowe, Hillary Sumblin, Samantha Wambles and Chase Williams.
	NINTH GRADE: Nicole Boswell, Ashley Laster and Tasha Williamson.
	EIGHTH GRADE: Suzanne Chance, Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, Nicole Hataway, Ashley McCall and Samantha Peacock.
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What Would You Do If Your Child Was Lost or Abducted?



Liberty National Life Providing Free ID Kits for Children

Liberty National Life Insurance Company representatives are providing free identification kits for children to parents in the southeast over the next few months as part of a community service campaign for child safety. The ChildSafe Identification kits are available to any parent or grandparent who requests one for their child or children. Liberty National Life has offered these kits through many PTA groups and other parent organizations. The kits can be ordered by calling 1-800-772-0285.

"Last year 49,000 children were lost, missing or abducted in Florida alone," said Liberty National Life spokesperson, Brant Beene. "We feel that we can help authorities find children faster by providing the ChildSafe Identification kits free to any parent who wants one. It is something we are doing in every community

where we have an office. All parents have to do is call 1-800-772-0285 to order one. They can also go to the website (LibertyChildSafeKit.com) and order."

The identification kits include a space for parents to attach a recent photograph of their child, or tape a lock of the child's hair. There are spaces to record vital information such as height, weight, age, eye color and a place for fingerprints. An ink strip for fingerprinting comes with the kit. The Liberty ChildSafe Identification Kit is designed to help authorities find a child quicker in the event of a search.

"We are letting parents know that they should replace the photograph of their child each year and keep the information current," said Beene. "Children change so much from year to year, it's important to keep the information fresh."

Liberty National Life is a 100-year-old insurer which provides individual life & health insurance to customers in the southeast. Liberty National Life has over 100 offices & is part of Torchmark Corporation, one of the nation's largest and strongest diversified financial institutions, headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama.



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION...The Woodmen of the World made its yearly donation Friday, Oct. 31, to the Elba Public Library. The organization is a dependable supporter of the local library, and the funds donated will be used by the library to enhance its services offered to the public. On behalf of Woodmen of the World, Bob Edmondson presented the check to librarian Kay Wilson.

Coffee/Covington Chapter Alabama Dog Hunters Association to meet

Coffee/Covington Chapters Alabama Dog Hunters Association will hold their annual meeting on November 15, 2003 at American Legion Hall (Elba, AL), Hwy. 87 North at 6:00 p.m. For more information call 393-4123 or 897-8636.

Free clothes give away to be held at New Brockton Recreational Park

Recreational Park located on South John Street in New Brockton, Ala. Free clothes give away will be held Saturday, November 15, 2003 from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at New Brockton

Street Smart Seminar scheduled at LBWCC - MacArthur November 17th

Just How "STREET SMART" Are You? Could You Pass This Test? * How can a burglar learn the pass code for your security system? * What should you do if approached by someone in a parking lot? * How do criminals get keys to your motel room? * What is the #1 mistake made at gas stations and pay phones? * How does your pet make your home attractive to burglars? * How can you best protect your credit cards from pickpockets? Attend a FREE seminar at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College - MacArthur Campus in Opp and become "Street Smart". The program will be held on Monday, November 17, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. The program is sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Task Force and LBWCC's Adult Education and Skills Training Division.

This FREE program and the information provided can help reduce an individual's chance of becoming a victim of crime by as much as 60%. You will find this program to be the most professional, informative, educational, and thought-provoking of its kind. This program provides valuable information regarding crime prevention and personal safety.

Topics to be covered include: Personal and Workplace Safety; Traveling Safety; Road Rage; Car Theft; Identity Theft; Car Jackings; Random Acts of Violence; Gang Activity; Stalking; Pickpockets; and Home Invasion.

Participants must be age 18 or older to attend unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Space is limited. Pre-registration is requested.

To sign up for the course or to receive more information, please contact the Adult Education and Skills Training Division on the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-3573, ext. 244.

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The Peoples Bank of Coffee County implements new savings account designed for children under age 18

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County added to its list of services recently with the implementation of a new savings account geared towards a select group of customers. The Builders Club is a savings account created for children up to the age of 18. Once that child reaches age 18, the account converts to a regular savings account.

The slogan for this new campaign is "Step Up and Build Your Future," and it is an exclusive venture for The Peoples Bank of Coffee County. One benefit of The Builders Club is that the customer is required to only have \$20 to open the savings account, and the customer does not have to maintain any particular balance to avoid service charges.

Also, the only fee associated with the account revolves around withdrawals. The customer can have up to three withdrawals per quarter without being charged a fee. After the third withdrawal, any other withdrawal within that quarter will be accompanied by a \$1 service charge.

According to bank officials, The Builders Club is an account that can benefit not only youngsters as they have an opportunity to save their own money, but the low startup requirement allows others an opportunity to open an account for someone they otherwise would not be able to with a regular savings account.

The Builders Club is available at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County in Elba and New Brockton, and interested customers should contact a personal banker at one of these locations.



Savannah Williamson, the daughter of Tim and Tammy Williamson of Elba, made the first deposit to her Builders Club Savings Account last Friday, Nov. 7, at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County in Elba. Savannah was the first child under the age of 18 to open this new type savings account at the Elba bank, and she was very excited to begin building her future a few dollars at a time. She was assisted in making the deposit by teller Camille Davis, who incidentally is the bank employee credited with naming the new savings account. Anyone interested in opening a Builders Club savings account or to learn more about it should contact a personal banker at The Peoples Bank of Coffee County in Elba or New Brockton.

Reid Danford, the son of Jeff and Sandra Danford, opened the first Builders Club account last Thursday, Nov. 6, at the New Brockton branch of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County. He was assisted in depositing his money into his new account by teller Betty Davis and Sharon Caylor. Reid is standing on a set of steps designed especially for The Builders Club account holders. Each bank has a set for youngsters to use when making deposits, withdrawals, etc. to their accounts.

Elba Elementary School Menu November 17 - 21, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Green Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Tuesday - French Toast, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Hoagie, Potato Rounds, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Chocolate Walnut Cake, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Meatloaf, Rice, Green Beans, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Turkey Dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Candied Yams, Bread, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Ice Cream, Milk

Gov. Riley awards \$125,000 grant to improve traffic safety

Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$125,000 grant to improve traffic safety along roads in 12 southeast counties. The grant to the Southeast Alabama Highway Safety Office will target drinking and driving, reckless driving and other high-risk traffic infractions. Receiving funds are law enforcement agencies in Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Escambia, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell counties.

Riley awarded the grant from funds made available to the state through a program of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"This program will make Alabama highways safer by providing a larger presence of law enforcement officers to remove unsafe motorists from our roads," Riley said. "I commend the efforts of law enforcement agencies in this region."

The funds will be distributed to agencies throughout the region and used to increase police patrols and traffic safety checkpoints. In addition to driving infractions, law enforcement officials will enforce the state's mandatory seatbelt and child safety restraint laws. Much of the increased police activity will take place during major holiday periods when more people are on the roads and crashes are more likely to occur. A portion of the funds will be used for driver safety programs.

John Harrison, director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, notified Ronald S. Owen, chief executive officer of Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, administering the grant. The medical center is the disbursement agent for the grant.

Ten Commandments Rally

**Saturday,
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